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## SecDef Announces Formation Of New Sixth Army Division

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara approved a plan Sept. 7 for formation of a new Army division and support units, with the first brigade of the division scheduled to complete its training in September 1968. Formation of the division begins in January.

At the same time, Secretary McNamara said the balance of the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Ky., will be sent to Southeast Asia. One brigade of the 101st Div. is presently in Vietnam.

Part of the new division—the 6th Infantry Division—will be formed at Ft. Campbell, using facilities vacated by the 101st. One brigade of the new division will be activated in Hawaii.

Formation of the 6th Inf. Div. will bring the total number of divisions in the active force to slightly more than 19, and the number of divisions held in reserve in this country back to the present strength of five divisions.

Secretary McNamara said the FY68 budget now calls for a strength of 1,520,000 men as of June 30, 1968.

He explained that revised calculations of the manpower needed in this country to support Southeast Asia deployments and to continue the one-year tour in Vietnam will permit substantial reductions in trained strength requirements previously planned for the Army.

## Anti-Infiltration System Planned Along Vietnam DMZ

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said Sept. 7 the Defense Department is preparing to install an anti-infiltration system along Vietnam's DMZ.

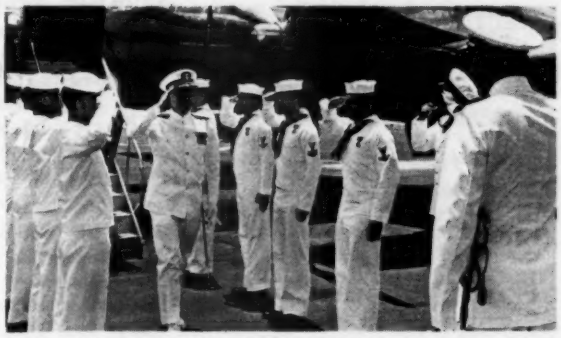
He said the equipment will probably be installed late this year or early next year.

Objectives of the anti-infiltration system will be to make infiltration more difficult, not to stop it, he said.

"We know that no obstacle system can stop the infiltration of personnel and supplies," he said.

He did not say what detecting devices would be set up, except that they would range from "barbed wire to highly sophisticated devices."

"I do not intend to give the enemy the advantages of knowing what materials we will use, where they might be used or in what quantities," he said.



*SAN JUAN ARRIVAL—Adm. Ephraim P. Holmes, Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, is greeted with full honors by RAdm. Alfred R. Matter, Commander, Caribbean Sea Frontier, upon arrival at U.S. Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Adm. Holmes made an orientation tour of Caribbean activities under his command.*

## Defense Dept. Accelerates Fight Against Housing Bias

Acceleration of the campaign to eliminate housing discrimination against military men and their families is under way, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced at a Pentagon press conference.

Recent official surveys, he explained, reveal that while the housing problem varies in intensity from one base to another, four particular patterns exist:

- Enlisted personnel are the hardest hit.
- Negro families suffer most acutely.
- In majority of communities surveyed, well over 50% of the Negro families were dissatisfied with their housing; more than 40% had difficulty finding suitable housing, chief reason being racial discrimination.
- Negro families reported that difficulty in finding suitable housing was having an adverse effect on their family life, job performance and on their attitude toward career military service.

The surveys, said the secretary, covered 24,000 rental facilities near military bases, containing 900,000 units in 46 states; and that military personnel are denied equal housing opportunity in at least 33 percent of these facilities.

The secretary said, "It shows in unprecedented detail a shameful story of discrimination against thousands of men in uniform and their families. Prompt remedial action is essential and we propose to take it."

# Washington Memos

SELECTION BOARD HAS convened at the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, to consider 4,500 eligible non-active duty Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard officers for promotion to the permanent grade of captain. There is no set quota, and included among those being considered are active duty airmen holding Reserve commissions.

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS Command has completed flight evaluation of a flight path control system (FPC) on a SH-3A Sea King helicopter. The computer-controlled system can fly the helicopter to a preprogrammed point, or into and out of hover. The system can also be "commanded" to fly the helicopter to points designated by the pilot.

AN AIR FORCE Logistics Command Briefing Team, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is visiting 55 Air Force ROTC detachments in 20 states to educate and motivate cadets for a career in logistics.

THREE AF CHAPLAINS from McChord AFB, Wash., serve "more than 600 men and their families each month" at remote AF stations and installations. Chaplain (Maj.) Donald E. Bartone, USAF, said the service "is designed to meet the specific needs of personnel living at remote stations." The three chaplains cover nearly one million miles annually in their service travels.

MARINES IN VIETNAM are getting three communications vans that can be carried into combat by helicopter. Specifically designed for Vietnam use, vans are equipped with high-frequency transmitters, receivers and teletypewriters for ship-shore and ground-air communications. They will be manned by Navy communicators.

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM D. Greenfield, ADC Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, has been reassigned as Commander, Tenth AF and Central North American ADC Region with headquarters at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., the Pentagon announced.

NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES are being tested by the Army for civil construction. Recently five separate charges were used to form a ditch with relatively smooth sides and bottom, 640 feet long, 50 feet deep and 200 feet wide. Engineers said their experiments are showing progress.

ONE OF HIGHEST West German decorations was presented to retired Army Maj. Gen. Francis T. Pachler Sr., during ceremonies at German Embassy in Washington, D.C. Gen. Pachler, currently Commandant of Cadets, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., received Knight of Commander's Cross (Badge and Star) of Order of Merit of Federal Republic of Germany for his cooperation with German government and military during his three years as Chief-of-Staff, U.S. Army, Europe, from 1964 to 1967.

RADM. DRAPER L. Kauffman, Naval Academy Superintendent, is representing U.S. in Third Inter-American Conference of Naval Academy Superintendents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Attending four-day conference are Naval Academy Superintendents and high ranking naval officers from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Brazil.

LIGHTWEIGHT, DUAL PURPOSE welder, developed by Army Mobility Equipment Command's Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Va., has been classified as standard equipment following extensive tests. Designed to keep pace with lightweight metals used in mobile military equipment, welder can furnish power for metal-inert gas welding required for such metals as aluminum, magnesium and titanium as well as conventional covered electrode welding.

1967 ADMIRAL James H. Flatley Memorial Award for aviation safety has been presented to aircraft carrier USS Intrepid by VAdm. John J. Hyland, Commander, Seventh Fleet. Award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in accident prevention during attack carrier operations. It is third time Intrepid has won award.

MSGT. HENRY B. WHITMORE, Brooks AFB, Tex., has designed a compressed air catapult for ejection seat trainers which may save $1.5 million annually. Whitmore is a physiological training supervisor at the AF School of Aerospace Medicine.

ARMY IS EXPERIMENTING with computerized recipes, according to Capt. Jane F. Sager, Army Medical Service Corps. A dietitian assigned to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., Capt. Sager reported to the American Dietetic Association Convention delegates on a research project aimed to develop for the hospital food service system a computer-assisted method for compiling and summarizing recipe data for quality and quantity control of food production. The computerized method provides accurate information, at a speed far exceeding that of human capability.

POST OF COMMANDANT of Midshipmen at Naval Academy has been assumed by Capt. Lawrence Heyworth Jr., who relieved RAdm. Sheldon H. Kinney during ceremonies at academy Sept. 2. Adm. Kinney has been reassigned as Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla II, Long Beach, Calif. Capt. Heyworth reported to current post from Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

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## *Background for Commanders*

# U.S.—PHILIPPINE RELATIONS*

The United States looks out westward to Asia from its Pacific coast, and within embattled Asia there is no people whom we know as well or who understand us as well as the people of the Philippines. Thus, in this moment of history when events in Asia are so crucial and critical and when the United States' involvement is so great, the condition of the relationship of the Philippines and the United States is indeed important and significant to both nations.

The United States is increasing its military and economic assistance to the Philippines. This assistance has included such notable items as high-speed boats to help in the antismuggling campaign, new modern aircraft for the Philippine Air Force, the turnover a few days ago of engineering equipment for the Engineering Construction Battalions, and an increasing participation by AID in the very encouraging program which is now going forward in the Philippines in the field of rural development and increased agricultural productivity.

### Common U.S.—Philippine Interests

There is more to be done here in the Philippines and more changes to come. The period ahead will not be an easy one. Our negotiations on bilateral issues will, of course, be carried out against the background of conflict and conflagration in Southeast Asia. And these negotiations coming up in the near future are important and complex. There will be those who will attribute unworthy motives, and there will be those who will seek to distort and demean the efforts we both are making.

If it can be said, as I assert here confidently today, that there is a fundamental harmony in Philippine and American foreign policy objectives, it can also be said, and with much greater force, that there is a fundamental desire on the part of Americans to see Filipinos achieve at home what they want for themselves and for their children.

### Achieving Philippine Aspirations

I know and you know that the average Filipino today is not having an easy time. I know, too, that your Government wants to improve the well-being of the average Filipino; to increase his productivity and the income he receives for his labor; to make available to him the benefits of modern scientific agriculture and industry; and to give him improved public health services, irrigation systems, highways, schools; land reform—in short, to give him confidence and hope in the future.

People who are the severest critics of the United States hold the view, if I interpret them correctly, that this progress must be achieved in accordance with Philippine aspirations and Philippine directives and under Philippine administration and control. And of course we agree with that.

Without a strong nationalism, you cannot possibly hope for the development of a civic consciousness that will bridge the gap between individual or family interests and that of the nation, nor can you hope to develop the vital spirit of self-sacrifice which has been an essential ingredient in the creation of every great nation.

What we do think is an error is to feel, as some Filipinos have candidly stated, that until you destroy our good name or good record in this country you cannot create a valid national identity of your own. I would argue that this is seriously misleading and directs the attention of the nation to complaints, self-pity, and destructive criticism rather than to sacrifice and self-reliance.

Americans recognize, one might say almost as an article of faith, that if the Philippines are to succeed in strengthening their nation and securing the blessings of liberty for all their people—not just some—it can come about only through the enlightened efforts of Filipino patriots to do that themselves and that our role is only to help.

### Communist Threat to Freedom in Asia

The strength of America's belief in the general proposition that Asian nations should be free and independent and able to conduct their affairs in their own way is proven and demonstrated in the blood of our sons who are dying in Vietnam and in the treasure which we expend there. About half a million American young men are in Vietnam today and billions of American taxpayers' money has been spent in Vietnam—not because we want to control that country but because we want it to be free and because, by helping Vietnam retain its freedom, we are helping to guarantee the freedom of other countries in Asia and to defeat the Communist tyranny which threatens that freedom. And I know it is because the Philippines believes in the same things that you Filipinos have sent your PHILCAG (Philippine Civic Action Group) contingent to Vietnam.

Why does America evince this passion for the freedom of other nations—nations across the vast expanse of the Pacific from the United States itself? **It is because we believe that our own American way of life can thrive and prosper best in the environment of a world of free nations, also aspiring to a world in which the rights of the individual will be safeguarded and his opportunities to develop his own full potential will be cherished and enhanced.**

And this is the vision which I hope in the years ahead will find the Philippines and the United States working together in a joint effort to achieve a world free from war and untroubled by hunger or fear.

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* *Excerpts from a recent address by William McCormick Blair, Jr., U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.*

## Army Community Service Award Winners Announced

For the second straight year, U.S. Army Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, has won Army's Community Service Award for outstanding community service.

Two other installations also were selected for the award. Fort Benning, Ga., was picked for having the best community service program at a major installation, and Schilling Manor, a subpost of Fort Riley, Kan., took honors for designing a special program for the families living there while their sponsors are in Vietnam.

## Federal Employees Win Managerial Awards

Government employees with outstanding managerial records will be honored Sept. 16 by the Administrative Management Society, an international organization of 15,000 businessmen and private corporations.

Robert C. Walter, executive director of the Society, said the 16 award recipients have cut the cost of government paperwork by more than $75 million, plus a cost avoidance of $3 million annually.

The awards will be made at ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

## Army Testing New System Of Dental Record Maintenance

The Army is testing a new system to maintain dental records by using mechanical writing devices and embossed plastic cards to produce records of treatment on each dental patient.

Developed in the Army Surgeon General's Office by Col. Donald J. Styer, USA, and SFC Joseph O. McCourt of the Dental Corps Administrative Staff, the system is being tested at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The system has shown marked savings in administrative effort in maintaining records and accumulating statistics. It is believed to be the first to simultaneously produce data cards for computer processing and a record for the individual health folder.

*SWEEP OPERATION—1st Lt. Terry G. Stull, USA, Acting Commander, Co. A, 3d Bn., 47th Infantry, leads his men on a sweep operation in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.*

## Navy Names Winners In Ney Food Contest

Two ships and a communications station are winners of the 1967 Ney Memorial Award for "outstanding accomplishment in the preparation, service and management of food."

The store ship USS Denebola was the winner in the small mess afloat category and the submarine tender USS Howard G. Gilmore won in the large mess afloat competition. Honors for the outstanding mess ashore went to the Naval Communications Station, San Miguel, Republic of the Philippines.

Runners-up were the landing ship (tank) USS Talbot County, command ship USS Wright and the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif.

The Ney Award program began in 1958. It is sponsored by the Food Services Executives Association and administered by the Naval Supply Systems Command.

## Australian AF Squadron Joins RVN Air Effort

Canberra No. 2 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force has been integrated into the overall Tactical Air Control System as part of the Allied air effort in Vietnam.

The Phan-Rang-based squadron of twin-jet B-57 Canberra aircraft is used as required in support of Allied operations regardless of nationality of forces being supported.

During the first 10 weeks of combat operations, the squadron's B-57s dropped nearly 1,200 tons of bombs. Many of the missions were flown in the Phuoc Tuy Province of III Corps in support of the Australian Task Force and the Second and Seventh Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment.

## Air Defense Command Unit Establishes Flight Record

The Air Defense Command's 456th Fighter Interceptor Sq., Castle AFB, Calif., has established an Air Force record by flying 106 flights during a six-hour period in F-106 supersonic aircraft.

Squadron Commander Lt. Col. John C. Marcotte said the record-breaking mission evaluated the unit during simulated wartime conditions when a sustained production of flights would be needed.

There were no ground or air incidents during the exercise.

## August Bond Sales Increase Three Percent

Treasury officials report sales of E Series savings bonds during August were the highest for any August since 1945 and three percent above sales for the same period last year.

The public bought $367 million worth of the E bonds during the month and $32 million of H bonds.

Officials said that August sales of E and H series bonds brought the total amount of outstanding bonds to a record level of more than $51 billion.

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